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SUBJECT: MINI DEMONSTRATION

1. A SMALL GROUP OF OPPOSITION DEPUTIES AND SENATORS THIS MORNING BEGAN

A PLANNED 24-HOUR HUNGER STRIKE ON THE FRONT STAIRS OF THE LOWER HOUSE.

AFTER INITIAL GATHERING OF 40, GROUP SOON SETTLED DOWN TO ABOUT 15.

IDENTIFIED PARTICIPANTS PRESENT AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER INCLUDE: 16

PEOPLES SOCIETY BLOC DEPUTIES LEAD BY TRAN VAN TUYEN; ONE NON-BLOC

DEPUTY AND TWO FROM THE PEOPLES'RIGHTS GROUP; FOUR LOTUS BLOC SENATORS

LEAD BY VU VAN MAU; TWO AN QUANG MONKS AND ONE MILITANT PRIEST. THE

GROUP INCLUDES 10 OF THE 12 DEPUTIES WHO SIGNED A LETTER TO CONGRESS

LAST MONTH OPPOSING THE SUPPLEMENTAL.

2. IN AN APPARENT REFERENCE TO RECENT GOVERNMENT CLOSING OF FIVE

PAPERS AND ARREST OF A NUMBER OF NEWSMEN, TRAN VAN TUYEN TOLD

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REUTERS THEY AIM TO COUNTER ALLEGED "TRADITIONAL" GOVERNMENT

TACTIC OF MOVING AGAINST OPPOSITION WHILE POPULAR ATTENTION DIVERTED
BY TET FESTIVITIES. SO FAR SAIGON SHOPPING CROWDS UNIMPRESSED WITH,
AND LARGELY OBLIVIOUS TO, STRANGE GROUP SITTING OUT TET'S FIRST DAY
ON STONE STAIRS OF LOWER HOUSE.
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